POLITICAL AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

ON

ORGANIZING WORKING CLASS WOMEN

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1982 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON CAMPUS, 100 ARLINGTON STREET
BOSTON

REGISTRATION: $3.00 LUNCH: "BROWN BAG" OR LIGHT LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR $1

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE: CALL 734-1750 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

You are invited to attend the second Political Affairs Conference, the theoretical journal of the Communist Party, USA. We will focus on important ideological questions facing the Left today to strengthen our understanding and improve the character of our work.

The first conference explored issues facing the industrial working class and was attended by over 125 people. The theme of this conference is "Organizing Working Class Women." We will look at the nature of the oppression of women, particularly the class aspects of this oppression. This is not just a question of male supremacy, but a key problem for the entire working class; it weakens the class struggle as a whole. In spite of the militancy of women within trade unions and community organizations, and the variety of women's organizations, the current right-wing offensive demands the building of a multi-racial, working class women's movement.

The main speaker at this second Political Affairs Conference will be Alva Buxenbaum, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, Chairperson of the Women's Commission, and author of many articles on working class women. She is in the leadership of community struggles for public education and day care, and is one of the founding members of Women for Racial and Economic Equality (WREE).

The Conference will be organized into 4 workshops to address common issues from different perspectives: affirmative action, education, child care, health care, sexual harassment, developing women in leadership positions, employment, etc.

We invite you to attend. An agenda for the Conference is attached. If you require child care, please call Polly at 734-1750 evenings by May 7th to make arrangements.

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9:30 TO 10:00	REGISTRATION, COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS
10:00	INTRODUCTION BY POLLY HALFKENNY
	ADDRESS BY ALVA BUXENBAUM A MARXIST VIEW OF THE OPPRESSION OF WOMEN; HOW IS IT A CLASS QUESTION? THE SPECIAL ROLE OF BLACK WOMEN & THE NEED TO FIGHT RACISM
12:00	LUNCH BREAK
1:00 TO 2:30	WORKSHOPS: WOMEN IN TRADE UNIONS ORGANIZING UNORGANIZED WOMEN - THE ROLE OF MEN AND WOMEN WOMEN IN NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS WOMEN IN SINGLE ISSUE/MULTI-ISSUE CONCERN ORGANIZATIONS
2:30 TO 3:30	REPORT BACK FROM WORKSHOPS (FULL SESSION)
3:30 TO 4:00	SUMMARY DISCUSSION